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SUE PEARCE

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ANIMAL ADVENTURES
5001 S W RUCKS DAIRY ROAD

OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

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3.125 (a)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(a) Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

There were three holes in the natural substrate for the two foxes. The holes were dug past the wire mesh that were buried as a secondary containment for digging animals. The animals could get injured from falling in or catching a limb in these holes. These areas need to be addressed to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

Correct by: 09-07-13.

3.125 (c)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(c) Storage. Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against deterioration, molding, or contamination by vermin. Refrigeration shall be provided for supplies of perishable food.

The first refrigerator located in the dry feed storage trailer is not cooling properly. The door seal is not tight and a gap exists at the top left corner. Food stuffs and the unit was not cool to the touch. The meat in the top freezer was not frozen. This refrigerator/freezer needs to be repaired, replaced or taken out of use if not needed.

Correct by: 09-06-13.

3.127 (b) REPEAT

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

(b) Shelter from inclement weather. Natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent

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discomfort to such animals. Individual animals shall be acclimated before they are exposed to the extremes of the individual climate.

The two black bears had standing water and mud at the bottom of their shelter. The shelter was in disrepair. The wooden boards from the side were laying in the mud and water underneath the roof and had exposed nails. The bears need a dry shelter to get out of the inclement weather.

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3.127 (c) REPEAT

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

(c) Drainage. A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water. The method of drainage shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations relating to pollution control or the protection of the environment.

There are one tiger, three lions and two bears which had enclosures that were wet and muddy. The bear shelter would be difficult for the animals to use due to the debris and wet conditions. Additional measures still need to be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water for the health and comfort of the animals.

3.131 (a) REPEAT

SANITATION.

(a) Cleaning of enclosures. Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.

The enclosure for the two raccoons had old food waste laying on the ground.

The enclosure for the two bobcats had old food waste and white fecal matter on the top of their shelter box. These enclosures need to be cleaned more often to reduce pest problems and to minimize disease hazards.

3.131 (c) REPEAT

SANITATION.

(c) Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Premises shall remain free of accumulations of trash.

The grasses and weeds have grown excessive around the enclosures for the animals. The licensee previously stated that at least two of her animals have died from coral snake bites. Weeds and grasses must be kept down to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices and to minimize hiding areas for snakes and other vermin.

The linoleum in the meat storage area has multiple holes in it. The flooring along the left side as you enter the

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meat storage area has areas of linoleum that is bubbling from underneath. This does not allow the floor to be properly cleaned and sanitized as meat, water and debris can be lodged under it. The floor must be addressed so that the floor can be cleaned and sanitized properly.

The food prep area between the two food storage trailers is in need of cleaning. Water was in a tub and several items unrelated to cleaning or food prep were laying about. Trash cans were overflowing. Two boxes of bakery sweets were left in boxes on the floor of this area which can attract vermin and insects. Premises shall be kept clean to minimize areas that could attract rodents and be kept in good repair in order to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices.

3.131 (d) REPEAT

SANITATION.

(d) Pest control. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.

Throughout the facility there were numerous fire ant mounds. Some of these mounds were in the animal's enclosures. Some of the mounds were in the lockout enclosures and some were along the enclosure fence lines. An effective program for fire ants shall be established and maintained.

The prep area that is in need of cleaning may be contributing to the vermin issue in the food storage trailer. Cleaning these areas, which attract vermin and provide hiding places, will assist in controling the vermin problem.

The dry feed storage trailer still has evidence of vermin infestation. Paper items were pushed up and into the holes in the wall. On the top of the dishwasher there were scattered nuts and shells. The refrigerator and freezers were dirty with old food and debris.

A safe and effective program for the control of insects and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.

An exit briefing was conducted with the licensee.

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